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High Winds Buffet City

by Leta Mach

"Pretty Lucky," was the way Buddy Attick, Director of Public Works, summarized the effects of the wind and rain storm of Thursday, January 26, upon Greenbelt. While other areas suffered massive flooding and a tornado, in Greenbelt the major problem was falling trees. One of these trees, however, caused a six-hour power failure for many homes along Crescent and Ridge roads.

At approximately 3 p.m. on Thursday, a large, top-heavy pine tree in a yard at six court Ridge was uprooted by the wind. It fell against the electrical wires and remained there until PEPCO arrived at 9 p.m. to cut the tree down and restore electricity. The moist, green, pine tree acted as a conductor, and as a result many homes along the ridge from Crescent to Ridge and Hamilton Place were without electricity and thus heat. Because there are three circuits on the power line to prevent an overload and only one of these was affected, other courts were more fortunate and still had electrical power.

Responding to the possible danger should the tree actually burn through the wires, the Greenbelt police quickly set up a roadblock on Ridge road. Several automobiles parked under the leaning tree were soon moved. Police remained to watch the situation and wait until PEPCO could send a crew. In the meantime, mothers reported bundling up their children in three pairs of pajamas, coats, mufflers, mittens, and even boots in order to keep warm.

Greenbelt Homes Inc. discovered that the boiler and the lights of the Board Room were on the circuit which was off. As a result, the Board meeting was cancelled. To insure that the furnaces would come back on promptly when electricity was restored, extra people were put on duty. Heat was restored quickly in all but two courts, which received their heat the next morning.

GHI also reported roof damage to an addition on Laurel Hill when the wind blew some shingles off. The repair cost approximately \$300. A total of nearly 35 trees fell around the town. Many of these were pine trees whose root systems could not support them during the high winds because of the soaked ground. In another incident a shed blew across a court and struck two parked cars.

Minor damage was reported at Springhill Lake. One roof was damaged and the rear door to the office blew in. Two trees were also blow over. The total wind storm damage was estimated at under \$2,000. In conclusion, Elton Young of the Springhill Lake management said we were "not unhappy."

GREENBELT SCHOOLS STUDY COMMITTEE

A meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. in the City Council room to discuss the threatened closing of North End school and alternative plans to be presented to the Board of Education. Leslie Kreimer will be present with latest developments from the school board.

SUMMER JOB HELP

Sessions I and II of a two part series for Young Adults interested in summer job information will be presented by the Young Adult Services of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System at the Greenbelt Branch Library on Sat., Feb. 11 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Session I will explain how to fill out applications, be interviewed, and keep a job. Session II will present suggestions for specific places to look and when to apply. Admission is free. For further details call 345-5600.

GHI Training Youths For Community Service

The group of young people recently seen crawling under houses on Plateau Place to install insulation are employed by GHI and paid by a grant from the Prince Georges County Youth Community Conservation and Improvement Project.

GHI applied for the grant enabling it to hire up to eight youths, 16-19 years old, to work on various construction jobs in the cooperative. So far, six young people have been hired, five boys and one girl. All except one are Greenbelters. Two more people will be hired soon.

Some Greenbelters who applied for the jobs were declared ineligible by the county's Manpower Agency, principally because their family's income was too high. The nine-month program is specifically targeted at low-income, high school drop-outs.

Jim O'Reilly, who lives on Ridge Road, was hired under the grant to be the supervisor. O'Reilly is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a degree in social work. He has worked for the past three years with pre-school and early elementary age children.

The purpose of the program is to provide paying jobs for those whose lack of education, work experience, and age make it difficult for them to obtain employment. It is hoped that learning construction skills in a work environment will lead to permanent positions in private industry or government. The youths will also develop other skills such as learning to get along with a group and learning to work together for common goals.

As their skills develop the young people will be encouraged to take time off to look for more permanent jobs. They may be considered for permanent positions with GHI if jobs are available and their work is satisfactory. Another part of the program provides tuition and money for books for those who wish to further their education by attending a technical school or college or for those who want to earn their high school diploma.

Benefits of the program to GHI are multiple. GHI obtains the people to perform work that regular employees would be doing, thereby freeing those employees to do other maintenance jobs. GHI is able to train personnel in necessary work at no cost to the corporation, and GHI is able to provide a community service in the true spirit of a cooperative. Together with the county and with Greenbelt CARES, which is helping to counsel these youths, GHI can provide jobs in an area where job opportunities are very limited.

When work is completed on insulating the 600-700 crawl spaces under the homes, the youths will begin work on constructing the forestry trail on a 50-acre tract of land in GHI. They will also be painting and performing other minor rehabilitation of GHI parking lots and heating plants.

One person in the program will be performing a house to house, court to court, survey of the exterior of GHI homes, looking at such things as sheds, fences, trash cans, antennas, debris in yards, condition of the parking lot, court signs, etc.

—Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

24th District Reception For Hoyer Rescheduled

A special reception for Maryland Senate President, Steny H. Hoyer, which was cancelled on January 17, has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 9 at 8:30 p.m. The combination meeting/reception will be held at the Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School.

The reception is being sponsored by 24th District State Senator Edward T. Conroy and Delegates Gerard Devlin and David G. Ross.

For more information, please call Micki Weidenfeld at 345-2327 or Marcia Krasnick at 277-7977.

CITY NOTES

City crews were busy cleaning up after the recent storm. Some time was spent removing ice and snow and sanding various walks after high winds blew down several trees on January 26. Five trees were removed.

A small amount of salt (approximately 30 tons) was purchased from Prince Georges County and hauled in city trucks. Salt is again becoming scarce throughout the area, with significantly increased costs being quoted for new supplies.

Four-way stop signs at Ridge and Eastway, and Ridge and Northway were installed last week.

The refuse crew was on schedule last week, with no unusual problems due to the ice and snow. The paper collection netted 5 tons, 1,800 lbs. a slight decline over recent weeks.



AGENDA REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL Monday, Feb. 6, 1978 8:00 P.M.

- I. ORGANIZATION
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Meditation
 - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 4. Minutes of Meeting
 5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager
- II. COMMUNICATIONS
 6. Petitions and Requests
 7. Administrative Reports
 8. Committee Reports
- III. OLD BUSINESS
 9. An Ordinance to Amend Section 11-25, "Stop Intersections", or Article III, Operation of Vehicles, of Chapter 11, Title "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" of the Greenbelt City Code, to Provide that the Intersection of Lakeside Drive and Westway Road Shall be a Stop Intersection - Second Reading
 10. Bus Service on Westway - Lakeside Drive, and Lakecrest Drive
 11. Twin Pines Re-location - Request for Sale or Lease of City Property.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 12. An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 15-47, "Holidays" of Chapter 15, Title "Personnel" of the Greenbelt City Code that Veterans Day Shall be Observed on the 11th day of November First Reading
 13. Remodeling Plans for Municipal Building
 14. Lake Park Bridge
- V. MISCELLANEOUS

Extended Service by Metro, Other Problems Discussed at Work Session

by Barbara Likowski

Bus service to the southern part of old Greenbelt (including Charlestowne Village and University Square) may be short lived, if it does get here at all. Long discriminated against because of no service, this area was to be served by the F6 beginning February 19. This route was formerly the J2-4 and terminated at Beltway Plaza. Plans called for it to continue down Greenbelt Road to Lakecrest Drive, then to Lakeside Drive, Westway and to the Center. Four city residents (3 from Westway) attended city council's work session on Metro on Monday night and asked council to advise Metro that the city did not favor this route. This matter will be discussed at the February 6 meeting of city council.

Ruth Lee of Westway protested that Westway was too narrow for the large buses to maneuver. She did not think that a car and a bus would have room to pass at the same time, creating a safety hazard, especially if the car were an ambulance. She pointed out that should a fire engine have to pass by, it would be hampered, creating a fire hazard. Lee was also concerned about possible injury to small children living in the apartments and attending school at Mishkan Torah. Noise and air pollution were also cited as hazards for such a highly concentrated area.

"Red Herrings"

Gerald Gough, Government Relations Officer for Metro, doubted that the Metro buses were going to raise the decibel level. If it doesn't come from the buses, it will come from the cars which will be needed in place of the buses. Gough also felt that the roads were not too narrow and expressed the feeling that they would be safe, calling some of the reasons for not wanting Metro in that area a "red herring". He admitted that the bus could be rerouted, perhaps to the Armory parking lot, but asked how a handicapped person or a person without a car would get to it. Gough said that he had been disturbed by recent charges that Metro is a "monument to insensitivity" and yet when Metro officials plan to arrange to have services made available to people who may need them, they are turned back.

Dee Allison from the Prince Georges County Department of Transportation and Public Works, reported that requests for bus service had come from people in this area. She said that the walk to the Armory parking lot is long and hazardous in bad weather. Lee disagreed.

Allison asked council to notify her agency at once if it decides to oppose the F6 entering old Greenbelt so that schedules could be changed. She doubted that it could be stopped on the 19th but perhaps it could be in a few weeks.

City Manager James Giese noted that while in the past the city had been notified when city streets were to be used, this time he found out when he saw new bus stop signs being put up.

Gough pointed out to council that it held a "double edged sword" and begged them to be cautious and thorough before making a decision.

Councilman Richard Castaldi suggested that a compromise plan might be worked out. One suggestion was to use a smaller bus such as a mini bus or feeder bus for the part of the route that goes into the city. Although none of these buses are presently available, some are on order and might be available in 6 to 8 months.

Public Hearing Proposed

A public hearing to afford citizens an opportunity to express their feelings about the routing of the F6 and the later addition of the T16 was suggested by councilman Charles Schwan. Schwan thought that council needed to give an opportunity for both sides to be heard, noting that only those opposed were present.

Mayor Pro-tem, Gil Weidenfeld, who chaired the work session, set the early part of the next regular council meeting (Feb. 6) as an open public forum to discuss these routes.

Other Problems

Other Metro problems discussed at the meeting were: express buses, changes in the R12 route, lighting, phones, safety and fares. Dissatisfaction with the 5:35 p.m.

departure time of the R15 express bus from Stadium Armory was brought up by Councilman Thomas White. White explained that it was difficult for many people to make that bus, some having to leave their offices early in order to do so. He suggested that an R12 local bus be changed to an R11-15 express. This could not be done because it would mean that one less bus would be available to riders in the Kenilworth corridor, most of whom do not ride all the way to Greenbelt. If the 5:35 bus were scheduled 5 or 10 minutes later it might be a more satisfactory solution.

Lighting

Complaints about poor lighting around Metro stations and the lack of telephones there were also aired.

Gough stated that it was more difficult to do anything about lighting—"what we've got, we've got". He thought phones could be put outside the Metro stations where they would be more readily available to anyone who had missed his bus connection. At present all phones are inside the stations.

He dispelled fears of crime by showing the very good record that Metro has had so far. It has been virtually crime free. Captain Peter C. Kosirowsky of the Metro police fully explained the system whereby Metro trains, tunnels, etc. are guarded. The District and local county police have concurrent jurisdiction with Metro police, so that there is constant surveillance throughout the system.

The biggest problem is Metro buses, Kosirowsky said. Officers in casual clothes now ride the buses when necessary. They are able to nip problems in the bud. When Metro expands its hours, new problems will arise. Precautions will be taken. Citizens can now talk to an officer from each car, there is closed circuit TV, and a hot line to all police, including federal, forces in the area.

Weidenfeld read the statement which had been read by Mayor Pilski at the Phase III Metro hearing last week. Questions from the statement about routing and fares were put to Gough and Allison.

The city's request that the R12 buses run from Cheverly instead of Deanwood cannot be granted because of the large number of riders in the Kenilworth corridor who also use the R12.

As to why the fares on the blue line tend to be higher, it was pointed out that the blue line is a longer route. Since fares are figured by means of a composite mile (air plus rail mile), it would follow that the longer line would have the higher fare. Before fares are increased, public hearings will be held.

NEED VOLUNTEER TUTORS

Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau is in need of volunteers to tutor children ages 8-18 for two hours a week on Monday nights. CARES will provide training and supervision. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please call the CARES office at 345-3456.

Tutoring is a free service coordinated by CARES to serve residents of Greenbelt and children who attend school in Greenbelt. Requests for tutors may be made by calling the CARES' office.

WHAT GOES ON

Fri., Feb. 3, 8 p.m. Greenbelt Schools Study Committee, Municipal Building
Mon., Feb. 6, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Thurs., Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. Woman's Club, Greenbelt Community Church.

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Cub Scout Pack 746

Zooming down the track, nine year old Matthew Radcliffe's racer won the coveted gold trophy in Cub Scout Pack 746's Pinewood Derby held at the Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church last Friday. Winners of the three age groups raced to determine the owner of the trophy.

Championship plaques were awarded the three fastest cars in the eight year old class: Sammy Harper first, Fred Herring second and James Lee third.

Similar plaques were given the top nine year olds: Matthew Radcliffe, Mark Kegley and Jeffrey Keifline.

The winning ten year olds were Lloyd Hanna, Bobby Credeur and Leigh Jascourt.

Special class winners included Larry Lichvar for a most unusual realistic car, Eric Sacratini for his most realistic (best looking model), Terence Zanin for best workmanship, Matthew Radcliffe for best paint finish (a repeat from last year with a different car) and Leigh Jascourt for most far-out in color or design model. Justin Neumaier was Top Turtle for the night.

For completing a car, each participant was awarded a red or blue neckerchief slide.

These cars, together with other Cub Scout items, will be seen on display at Greenbelt Center School from Feb. 5 to 10. They will also be displayed at Greenbelt North End School from Feb. 27 to March 3.

SCOUT WEEK for all Cubs, Scouts and Explorers will be celebrated Feb. 5 to 11. Pack 746 plans to celebrate scouting's 69th Birthday on Feb. 9 by observing Uniform Day and wearing their uniforms to school. The Pack is also planning to hold its annual Blue and Gold Banquet, the family celebration, at Grenoble Hall on February 28.

THANKS

This is to express our sincere thanks to Jean Stevenson, Shirley Davis, and Lois Geiger for clearing the entrance to our court after the recent snowstorm. Thanks also to the many kind people who assisted them.

Erika and Fred Mayer

Hardy Cook

!! ATTENTION !!

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You are a resident of the CITY OF GREENBELT. Please report this in your FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX and AUTO LICENSE application forms so that a portion of YOUR TAXES will be RETURNED TO THE CITY for local improvements.

City of Greenbelt

Roosevelt Tech Center
Test Dates Announced

Students who live in Prince Georges County and are presently enrolled in the eighth or ninth grade may apply for Fall 1978 admission to the county school system's Science and Technology Center at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School. Applicants will compete for a limited number of openings at the Center, with selections to be made on the basis of scores on a competitive examination and the students' academic records. Approximately 250 youngsters now in eighth grade will be chosen to start ninth grade in the Science and Technology Center. And vacancies will allow admission of approximately 50 students to the Center's tenth grade in the fall.

Applications

Science and Technology Center admission applications can be obtained in the guidance office of each public junior high school in Prince Georges County. They must be completed and returned, with the signature of the applicant's parents or guardians, by February 15. During the week of January 31, guidance counselors will be holding meetings with interested students at each junior high.

Test Dates

Applicants have a choice of dates and locations for taking the Science and Technology Center admission tests. The tests will be offered on Saturdays February 25 and March 4, and will be administered at Roosevelt, Largo and Crossland Senior High Schools. For those students who are unable to be tested on a Saturday, the entrance exams also will be given on Friday, March 10, at the school system's Central Area Administrative Office (6501 Lowland Drive, Lanodover - Highland Park). On all test dates, the tests will begin at 10 a.m., but students should arrive at the test centers by 9:30 a.m.

Grades Considered

The grades to be considered in selection of students for the Science and Technology Center are those from the past three semesters in English, social studies, science and mathematics. These grade point averages (GPA) will be computed by the junior high guidance offices when application forms are requested. All applicants must have at least a "B" average (GPA of 75 or above, or 3.0 on a 4.0 system) in the subjects specified.

Program Offered

The Science and Technology Center at Roosevelt provides selected students with in-depth education and experiences in technological and scientific fields, designed primarily as preparation for college level programs leading to careers in those areas. The Center's program is highly structured, with required four-year sequences of courses in each of several major fields — electrical/electronic engineering, architecture/civil engineering, mechanical or industrial engineering, environmental engineering, and the physical or biological sciences, with each student selecting one of those fields for concentration in his or her 11th and 12th grade years.

The required course work includes practical hands-on experience in laboratories and workshops, applying skills in the use of tools and materials to designing, constructing, testing and problem solving. There is a planned effort to mesh theory learned in mathematics and science know-how learned in industrial arts and other subjects. The Washington area is rich in scientific and technological resources, such as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration facilities in Greenbelt, and the Center makes use of these for career-related field experiences for its students. And in the 12th grade, Center students are required to participate in a research and experimentation project, which they themselves would select, design and execute under the Center staff's supervision.

County-wide

The Science and Technology Center currently draws students from throughout Prince Georges, as county school administrators lay plans for creation of an identical program to be installed at Oxon Hill Senior High School to serve students in the county's southern half. The Oxon Hill Center tenta-

THANKS TO ALL OUR
DEAR FRIENDS

We wish to extend our sincerest gratitude to all of our friends for the many Mass cards, flowers, and kind thoughts that we have received during the recent death of my father, Peter A. Campisano, Sr.

Family: Marie, Larry, Ann-Marie, Mark, Lisa-Rose, Kathy White.

Open Area Gyms

The following is a schedule for other gyms in the area that are open to the public: Greenbelt Junior High School - Sun, 2-6 p.m. Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School - Sun., 6-10 p.m.

tively is to begin phasing in its operations in 1980, but all students beginning the Center program at Roosevelt will remain at Roosevelt through graduation.

The Center operates at Roosevelt side by side with a regular comprehensive high school program which draws its enrollment from the communities surrounding the school. During the current school year there are 1163 students in grades 10-12 in Roosevelt's regular comprehensive program, and 680 in grades 9-12 in the Science and Technology Center.

Tests

The tests for admission to the Science and Technology Center consist of two portions, Verbal Reasoning and Numerical Ability, of the Differential Aptitude Tests (DAT), a standardized test series purchased from a test publishing company. An applicant must score at or above the 75th percentile on each of the two subtests to be considered for admission. In the final selection process, each of the three criteria (the Verbal Reasoning test, the Numerical Ability test, and the student's grade point average) will be given equal weight, and a total score will be computed for each applicant. Actual selection will be based on a rank ordering of the total score and the number of students who can be accommodated.

For those students eligible to apply for the program who will not be available for testing during February or March, school officials have set aside Friday, July 28 as a final make-up test date, with the exams to be administered at 10 a.m. on that day at Largo Senior High School.

John R. Aubuchon
Supervisor of Information Services
P.G.C. Public Schools

Mishkan Torah Notes

A family service honoring scouts will be held at the Mishkan Torah on Friday, February 3 at 8 p.m. A Ner Tamid award - God and Country Award - will be presented to a deserving scout. A. David Spevak, assistant scoutmaster in Laurel, will speak on the importance of scouting to growth. Interested persons are invited to attend.

Boys and Girls Club

ATTENTION members of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club! Tickets are now being sold for the "MOPED" raffle sponsored by the GBGC. Support in buying and selling tickets is needed in order to keep club fees at the current level. In addition, the youth selling the most tickets will receive a club jacket.

Applications are now being accepted from individuals desiring space at the GBGC Craft Show-Strawberry Festival to be held May 20 at the Youth Center. For more information and/or application, call Pat Gainor, 474-3649.

The County is sponsoring a free umpiring class for individuals 16 and over interested in learning to umpire youth league baseball. Call 277-2200 ext. 368.

Some results of this week's County basketball schedule: 12 yr. old boys over Bowie #2, 36-29; 10 yr. boys over Berwyn Heights, 30-5; 15 yr. girls #2 over Hyattsville, 26-24.

County basketball schedules for the week of Feb. 6: 2/7-16 yr. boys, 6 p.m., YC; 18 yr. boys, 8 p.m., YC; 15 yr. girls #1, 7 p.m., SHL; 15 yr. girls #2, 6 p.m., SHL; 18 yr. girls, 7 p.m., YC. 2/9 - 10 yr. boys, 6 p.m., YC; 11 yr. boys, 7 p.m., YC; 12 yr. boys, 6 p.m., SHL; 13 yr. boys, 7 p.m., SHL; 14 yr. boys, 8 p.m., SHL; 15 yr. boys 8 p.m., YC; 16 yr. boys, 9 p.m., SHL; 18 yr. boys, 9 p.m., YC.

MOWATT MEMORIAL

United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
Church School 9:30-10:30 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP 11 A.M.
(Cribbery and Nursery)

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham,
Pastor 474-3381

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH

(United Church of Christ).

Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings)

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN !!

You are invited and welcomed to meet with us
each week.

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

474-4212

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9:45 am

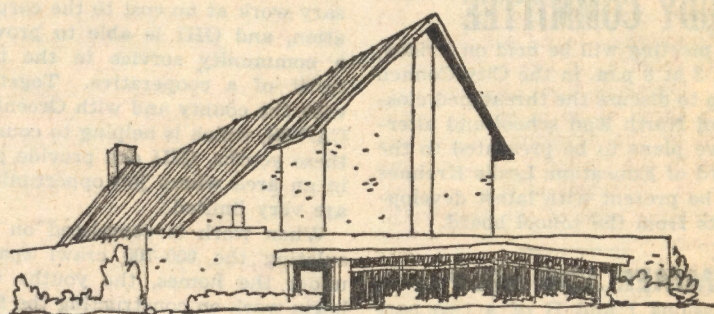
Sunday Worship

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Mid-week prayer service (Wed)

6:00 pm

For bus transportation, call Church office 8:30-12:30 weekdays



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road

Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Weekday Nursery School: 9-11:30 a.m.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

GHI Members Gathered Sunday To Celebrate Mortgage Retirement

by Mary Lou Williamson

"This is a great day," began James W. Smith, president of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., as he introduced the first number for the afternoon and the Greenbelt Combined Choir came forward to sing, "What Will the World Be Like Tomorrow?"

About 400 GHI members, past members, staff, friends and well-wishers braved Sunday's icy weather to join in the gala mortgage retirement celebration. They gathered in the plum and red auditorium of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School for a warm and informal hour or two to reminisce and just to enjoy the passing of a milestone in their history.

"We have now satisfied the financial obligations we took on . . . 25 years ago," intoned Smith. But actual destruction of the mortgage, he added, had posed problems. As the major event of the gala, burning the mortgage would be dramatic. However, "the County Fire Marshall won't let us have a fire in this beautiful auditorium," Smith related "and we want the original mortgage preserved for posterity." Instead, the planning committee decided on cooperative destruction of the housing cooperative's mortgage. Smith called on Bruce Bowman, who had been a member of the board in 1952 and one of the original signers of that mortgage. Together they tore up a copy into large pieces, which were then passed on to the members. Soon every member who wished one had his or her own small piece of the mortgage to tear in half. Photographers recorded the action.

Next Smith began the customary introduction of visiting dignitaries. There were Greenbelt's mayor Richard Pilski; two councilmen who are also GHI members, Tom White and Charles Schwan; and councilman Gil Weidenfeld. State Senator Ed Conroy was there, Delegate Gerard Devlin, county council members Francis White, Frank Casula and Parris Glendening. But that was only the beginning.

Smith called on former board members to stand, current and past GHI staff and 50 original owners. Someone called for the audit committee members past and present to stand, all those who had served on a committee. Another mentioned Florence Shinderman for her contributions during the early years and Elaine Skolnik and the News Review for helping to keep members informed of current issues. Jim Cassels' work with Twin Pines, providing financing for the original purchases of the homes, was also acknowledged.

Finally Bill Feller suggested, "We should recognize all the members here who have paid their monthly bills all these years; they are the ones who really paid off the mortgage."

Speakers

Guest speakers were Representative Gladys Spellman and John B. Clinton, acting administrator of the New Community Development Corp. of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Excerpts appear below.)

County Administrator Winfield Kelly took the stage to announce the imminent approval by county council of \$70,000 in grant money, most of which would be used for rehabilitation planning. (Story appears elsewhere in this issue.)

The festivities closed with three patriotic hymns by the choir under the direction of Jean Cook. Refreshments followed in the commons.

Excerpts from Clinton

"To those of us in any way engaged in the development of new towns in the United States, coming back to Greenbelt is a great deal like coming back to our grandfather's knee.

"Greenbelt was one of the first places in America where the ideas of Ebenezer Howard and the garden city concept were tested.

"It was also the first new town development in the United States to receive federal assistance.

"It was here in Greenbelt that many of the problems inherent in the complex and costly business of designing and building, from scratch, a completely new community were first discovered. And it was here in Greenbelt that developers, planners and residents alike, committed to the concept that a community is more than the sum of its houses, worked together to find

solutions to those problems and thereby to preserve the hope that there were viable alternatives to senseless, sprawling suburban tract development . . .

"In spite of the problems, experience has shown that new town development benefits residents, businesses and government at all levels.

"This certainly has been the case in Greenbelt. To those critics who choose to focus on the problems—on the fact that the original development plan was not completed, that its boundaries, its 'greenbelt', was nibbled away, that it was engulfed by some of the sprawl it was intended to protect against, I answer that even at this date some 40 years after its original inception, Greenbelt is still very close to the frontier of urban social progress and rational community development . . .

"This old new town of Greenbelt is not a decaying monument it is a thriving, growing, building community whose residents and officials are more interested in today and tomorrow than they are in yesterday . . ."

Excerpts from Spellman

"I can't think of a better place in which to hold this ceremony than in a building named for Eleanor Roosevelt . . . She had real beauty, inner beauty. Beauty of the kind that is meaningful. She had a great fondness for Greenbelt and the concept which the original town represented. I don't find that surprising. You're her kind of people and Greenbelt would be her kind of place. Better than most people of her background and generation, she knew the meaning of the word community. She would, I have no doubt, rejoice with you that what began as a furrow in the brow of that eminent braintruster and new dealer, Rex Tugwell, is ending up as a cooperative housing corporation owned and operated by the people themselves . . .

" . . . Playwright Henrik Ibsen might have had GHI in mind when he wrote 'A community is like a ship: everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.' Indeed, back in the turbulent '60's, I understand, it seemed at times that everyone was determined to take the helm — sometimes all at the same time.

"But if today is not the time to dwell on past battles, it is the time to remember that out of divisions and differences is born consensus, without which democracy at every level would surely falter . . . To falter, but keep on going; to differ, but to come together again and to ultimately succeed in a common, shared enterprise — that's the stuff of which triumphs are made.

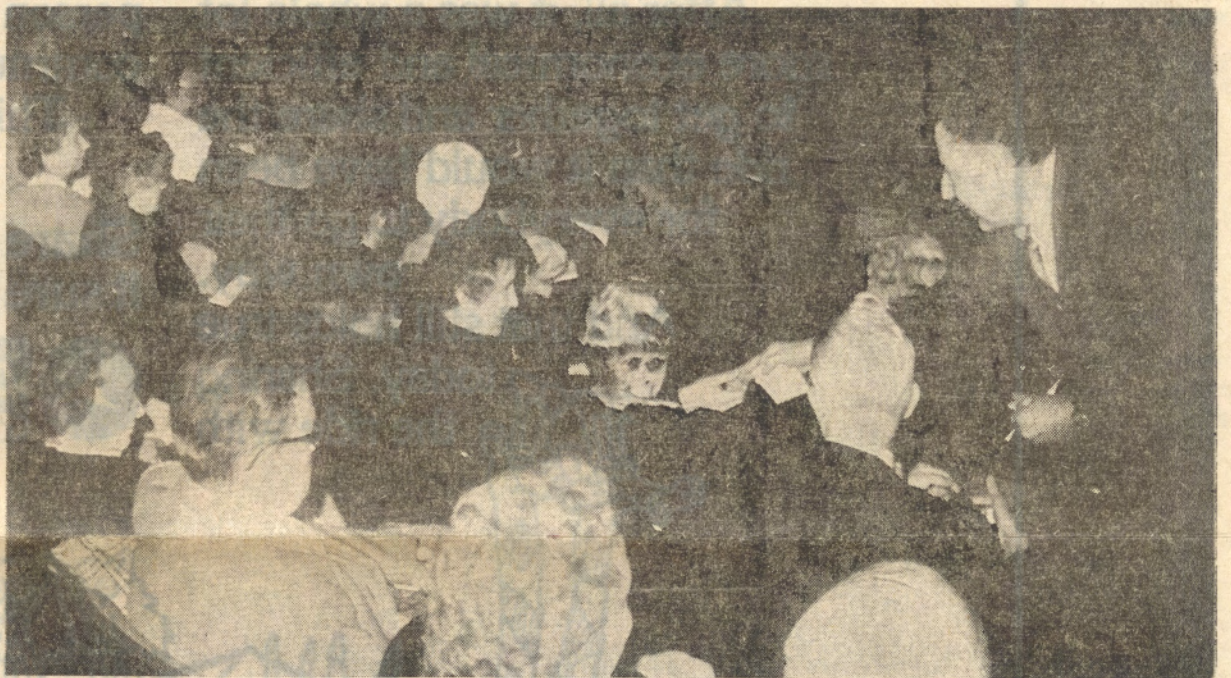
"I noticed that the congratulatory editorial in the Greenbelt News Review referred to today's ceremony as a 'rite of passage'. And it certainly is. What a wonderful feeling to shed a 25-year burden; to face the future relatively unencumbered; ready, even eager for new challenges . . .

"Each and every one of your 1,600 members families have reason to be proud of GHI's achievements. Without the individual effort put forth in committees, at board meetings, in the hundreds of different activities so necessary to make any organization work, we wouldn't be here today. We would perhaps, be viewing with alarm instead of pointing with pride. . . . GHI has a long history of leadership and tenacity in seeking to preserve the unique character of the city of Greenbelt. This very school, standing on its present site, is a monument to your determination in the cause of community . . .

"In the name of progress the city



Original signer of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., mortgage Bruce Bowman tears up copy in Mortgage Retirement Ceremony Sunday, January 29. GHI president James W. Smith looks on.



Bruce Bowman hands out pieces of the Greenbelt Homes mortgage to members Anne Meglis and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gropp.

Police Blotter

The storage building for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center was entered recently and 20 cases of soft drinks were stolen. Investigation is underway.

PFC Fulgham recovered a vehicle in the area of Parkway Road that had been stolen from Laurel and it has been returned to its owner.

A resident of Windsor Green reported that his home was broken into while he was out and a color television set was stolen. An apartment on Lakecrest Drive was also reportedly entered while the resident was at work. A set of head phones and some change were reported taken. Investigation is continuing.

A motorhome was broken into while it was parked on Crescent Road. Cassette tapes, a tape player and a radio were stolen.

A 7 year old boy was injured by an auto on Ridge Road near 71 Court. He had apparently not looked both ways before crossing the street. When he slipped on the icy road, he struck the right rear tire of the vehicle and received minor injuries.

lost some of the 'belt of green' that President Franklin Roosevelt envisioned — or at least had it considerably tightened — but it kept its heart . . . Did you notice all the people standing when original owners were called on to stand?

"We have come a long way since those dark days in 1932 . . . when President Roosevelt said: 'These unhappy times call for the building of plans . . . plans that build from the bottom up and not from the top down, that put their faith once more in the forgotten man at the bottom of the economic pyramid.'"

GHI-City Get \$70,000 In Block Grant Funds

At the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. mortgage-burning ceremony on Sunday, January 29, County Executive Winfield Kelly announced that Greenbelt would be receiving \$70,000 in Community Development Block Grant money. On Tuesday, January 31, GHI had the contract in hand awarding the cooperative \$50,000 in CDBG funds; the city of Greenbelt will receive \$20,000 for improvements of playgrounds in the GHI area.

GHI will spend the \$50,000 in 1978 to pay for the Mark Beck Rehabilitation and Planning Study of GHI homes, a demographic survey, a market survey and study on the feasibility of a waste compaction and incineration system as well as alternative fuel sources. CDBG money is available from the county through a federal program to rehabilitate neighborhoods.

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CITY SEEKING OUTSIDE SUPPORT FOR PREFERRED METRO ROUTE

by Elaine Skolnik

The Greenbelt City Council on January 23 took another step in their quest for a Metro station in Greenbelt. Pro-Metro neighbors—Berwyn Heights, Riverdale, University Park and Hyattsville—will be asked to join Greenbelt in impressing upon the county executive and county council that (1) the preferred route is the "E" line with a terminus in Greenbelt and (2) the Columbia Heights Terminus (E-5B) is unacceptable. The latter, calling for no construction into Prince Georges County, terminates at the Columbia Heights Station. Instead of Metrorail service to Greenbelt, county commuters, including Greenbelters, would use an enhanced Baltimore and Ohio commuter system.

Council also acted to solicit the support of Cheverly and New Carrollton. Mayor Pro-Tem Gil Weidenfeld pointed out that the Metro lines in those communities would have to carry a heavier load if there were not a Metro terminus in Greenbelt. Metro service to Prince Georges County is scheduled to open this fall with the inauguration of the Orange Line between the Stadium-Armory station and New Carrollton. That line includes stations at Minnesota Avenue and Deanwood in the District of Columbia, and Cheverly, Landover and New Carrollton in Prince Georges County.

The county council on January 18 chose two alternative Metrorail routes involving the northern line to Greenbelt. The county's first choice for the "E" route was the Greenbelt S-curve alternative (E-1A), which starts at Gallery Place in downtown Washington, runs through Columbia Heights through Georgia Ave. to Fort Totten and enters the county on Ager Rd. From Ager Rd., it proceeds north to Prince Georges Plaza, up Queens Chapel Rd. to Albion Way, under US Route 1 to the B&O right-of-way, with a station south of Calvert Rd. and then on to Greenbelt.

Second Choice

County Council's second choice was the E-5B Route, that would not come into the county. Greenbelt Councilman Thomas White was concerned that the inclusion of the E-5B alternative in the county's final recommendations "may make that alternative politically attractive and we should do everything we can do to communicate the city's preferred position to all elected officials concerned."

On January 25 the Transportation Alternative Analysis Steering Committee, a Council of Government subcommittee chaired by County Councilman Francis Francois, went along with the county council's recommendations. These findings will be evaluated by Peat, Marwick and Mitchell, independent consultants hired by the steering committee. By the end of March the steering committee will be proposing a preferred regional system which will include only one of the two alternatives. In July 1978, the Urban Mass Transit Administration, an arm of the Federal Department of Transportation will recommend a Metrorail system. Greenbelters hope this will include the Greenbelt "E" alignment.

In the meantime, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority is putting together a fiscal package for all the jurisdictions with respect to the division of capital expenditures and operating costs. The fiscal package will be sent to the jurisdictions and a new financial plan, including financing of operating and construction costs, is scheduled to be in the hands of the Federal Department of Transportation by August 1978.

Other Business

Council voted, with White and Councilman Charles Schwan dissenting, to support the Maryland Municipal League in opposing House of Delegates legislation that would allow State Police to exercise authority (without limitation) within municipalities. Existing law restricts the activities of State Police in seven ways and except for special circumstances requires the permission of the Chief Executive Officer or the Chief of Police before they can act. City Manager James K. Giese noted that "The Police Department has a good relationship with the Maryland State Police and it is unlikely that either passage or defeat of this legislation would materially change that working relationship."

Council went on record to communicate its concern to the delegates about proposed property tax reforms that would result in reduction of revenues to local jurisdictions. They felt legislation should include provisions for municipalities to make up losses.

Accepted and approved was a questionnaire and financial worksheet developed by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board for organizations seeking budget contributions from the city. The questionnaire solicits information concerning organizations' goals, purposes and activities, the composition of their membership, and information concerning finances and equipment needs.

Introduced for first reading was an ordinance for an all-way stop sign at Lakeside Drive and Westway Road. Because of extensive pedestrian use at this intersection, the Police Department has recommended such a sign.

Council directed the city staff to develop pertinent information on the overpass for their February 1 meeting for federal and state representatives. Council is seeking the assistance of the agencies in delineating approach parameters to secure the easements that would be needed, particularly with reference to the preferred route.

Council encouraged the city's school study committee to explore alternatives to the closing of North End School, noting that council will

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Listing Needed of Professional Persons

A listing of professional persons is planned for the Greenbelt brochure now being prepared for publication. Doctors, dentists, counselors and lawyers who practice in Greenbelt and would like to be listed may contact Janet Kuhn at 474-7389 or 498-7500.

The informational brochure, sponsored by the Greenbelt Clergy Association, will include pertinent information about city services, taxes, election procedures, civic organizations, churches and synagogue, fire department and schools.

Parent Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Parent Discussion Group will be Wednesday, February 8, from 9:15-11:15 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Greenbelt Baptist Church. The group plans to work on problem solving. Specific problems to be discussed are messy houses, and children ignoring their parent's advice about clothes.

Babysitting will be available and refreshments will be served. For information, call Betty Hughes at 474-8458. All are welcome.

lend its support for such alternatives as might be devised.

Recreation Review

Ice Capades

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to the Ice Capades on Tues., Feb. 7. The only tickets left are for children. Bus transportation to and from the Capital Centre will be provided. The bus will leave the Youth Center parking lot at 7 p.m. For further fee information, contact the Recreation Department at 474-6878.

Roller Skating

The Recreation Department sponsors a roller skating program at Greenbelt Center Elementary School. Days and times are as follows: Wed. 4 - 6 p.m. 1st thru 3rd Graders; Fri. 4 - 6 p.m. 4th thru 6th Graders; Sun. 1 - 3 p.m. Family Skate - All ages.

A nominal fee will be charged at the door. Rink skates may be rented. For further information, call the Recreation Department 474-6878.

Weight Lifting Club Members

Many of the members have cards that have expired. In order to continue membership, the card must be renewed. The fee for persons under 18 years of age is inexpensive. For information as to fees or membership, call the Recreation Department Business Office. 9-5 p.m.; Mon. thru Fri., 474-6878.

Sierra Club to Meet

"Flood Plain Management — a Brighter Future" will be discussed by H. J. Coughlin, Jr., Special Assistant for Flood Insurance in the Federal Insurance Administration of HUD, at 7:45 p.m. on Monday, February 13, in the Greenbelt Library. He will discuss revised regulations for the development and utilization of U.S. flood plains. A film, "Planning for Floods" will also be shown. The program is sponsored by the Sierra Club and is open to the public.

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Wednesday is Funday with activities for ages 6-9 at 4 p.m. in the Program Room.

The Feb. 8 film for ages 13-18 will be the ever popular "Mark of Zorro" beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

Valentine making will be the activity at 4 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 9 for all ages.

Our Neighbors

Glad to hear that Belva Weisel, 23-D Ridge, is home from the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Rosemary Fitzgerald, daughter of Mrs. Joan C. Fitzgerald of Breezewood Terrace, and a junior at Hood College in Frederick, was recently initiated into the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Tri Beta, a national biological honor society.

Howard and Maria Wesley, former Greenbelters, now of Riverdale, announce the birth of daughter, Heidi Lynn, on January 26. The new arrival weighed in at 8 lbs. 2 ozs. Proud grandparents the Howard Wesley's and the R. L. Stevens' reside in Greenbelt.

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Pet Hearing Stirs Debate

by Mary Kimmel

That the issue of pet regulation is not resolved was apparent at Monday's lively hearing on Greenbelt Homes, Inc.'s newly-proposed regulations. (See *News Review*, Jan. 19.) Close to 50 concerned members attended and shared testimony on this emotional issue. Board members attending were Norm Weyel, Steve Polaschik, Jim Foster, Mary Clarke and Wayne Williams.

Chairman James Smith opened the meeting with a brief recap of the history of GHI's pet problem. Since the courts ruled in the 1950's that GHI could not prohibit pets, the corporation has never passed any regulations of its own, instead relying on the city's pet ordinance. This failing to solve the problem, GHI has been forced to consider alternatives. The current proposal is a reworking and simplification of an unworkable, complex proposal written a year ago by the corporation's attorney.

Smith explained to the audience that the proposed regulations were by no means final and asked the members to consider whether "we could live with them," were they fair, too strict, or too lenient. Even after the hearing the board expects to continue working on the regulations and welcomes further comment.

Several major points emerged from the testimony and discussion by pet owners and non-owners.

1. There seemed to be a consensus on the need for enforceable regulations, though not all members agreed whether these should be GHI's, the city's or the county's.

2. Many members expressed doubt that more regulations were necessary in addition to those already existing. One member espoused that animals will be animals and if neighbors can't settle disputes among themselves, who can. The Animal Warden, Hy Gerson, explained that the city's enforcement power is handicapped because the warden position is only part-time, that the animals are frequently gone when he gets to the scene, and that he cannot go onto the owner's property to confiscate the animal. The police can only issue warnings to owners of nuisance pets.

3. Several members testified that

the current city regulations are unfairly and unevenly enforced, fearing that the more stringent GHI rules will also be unfairly enforced or abused. In a written statement, one member asked why she should be singled out as a nuisance, when she has tied up her cat to restrain it, only to have it attacked by other free-roaming cats and dogs. Another member, Cathy Valentine, went so far as to have her dog's vocal chords cut to prevent it from barking, only to have complaining neighbors' dogs continue to create a nuisance.

4. A majority of those presenting statements felt that the regulations should be aimed mostly at dogs, or that there should be separate regulations for dogs and cats. Large barking dogs running loose seemed to be the most troublesome of all.

Alexander Barnes, recalling a scene from *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, likened his fear on encountering a barking dog to having a gun pointed at him and not knowing whether it would shoot. He felt the language "under the control of" in the first item stating that "Pets must be under the control of a responsible person when off the owner's premises" was not specific enough, citing the time he was bitten by a dog in the owner's presence.

Many cat owners feared the regulations would be unfair to their pets since it is almost impossible to leash or entirely restrain an outdoor cat. At least one cat lover admitted the need to include cats in the regulations, even if under separate rules. The biggest problem posed by cats, she pointed out, are the free-roaming tomcats who fight and howl at night, and who run a greater risk of spreading disease among other cats. One very young member feared the regulations would threaten her peace-loving tiger kitty, who



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unlike his ferocious ancestors, would not hurt anybody.

5. Katherine Keene, referring to item number 7 concerning the confinement of vicious pets, asked why GHI would allow members to harbor vicious pets in the first place. Other members voiced their agreement.

6. Many members, especially non-pet owners, called for reason and strong regulations. Greenbelt is, after all, they said, for people first. This fact, as if somehow lost in the debate, brought a round of applause from members.

Alternatives

Members offered alternatives to the regulations, such as the city fining people for pets creating a nuisance (Smith said GHI couldn't do this, and he didn't know if the city could); using the more stringent current county ordinance; preventing children from abusing and teasing animals; educating the public about the nature and care of their animals.

When asked how GHI would enforce the new regulations, Chairman Smith explained that GHI would investigate and inform the member whose pet was claimed to be a nuisance, and if the nuisance continued, the matter would be brought before the member complaint committee. If necessary, a court injunction would be issued warning the owner to end the nuisance; and as a last resort, the only thing that would truly give GHI enforcing power, GHI could terminate the member's contract.

Assistant manager Ken Kopstein, spoke up and reassured members that this would be used only as a last resort, that GHI realized this was a many-sided story and a most difficult issue. He requested that the membership not be too emotional.

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